

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Appropriate penal action is taken against defaulting establishment, including sick autonomous bodies to recover PF arrears. The NCCF have deposited PF deductions in respect of its employees upto February, 1992.

(d) and (e). Yes Sir. The employees' union has represented against non-payment of enhanced rate of PF contribution. Their representation has since been examined by the EPF authorities and it is found that the establishment is at present not required to pay contribution at the enhance rate as per the existing policy of the Government.

Drinking Water to States

8344. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States selected for digging wells for providing drinking water and water for irrigation under the cent percent Centrally sponsored scheme; and

(b) the targets fixed and achieved therefor in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a). Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, assistance is not given for digging of wells for drinking water. For irrigation, under the cent percent Centrally sponsored Desert Development Programme which is implemented in hot desert States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana and cold desert States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, construction of community irrigation wells for beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development

programme is an eligible item. This is covered in the sectoral programme of Water Resources Development for which 20 percent weightage is given in the total available funds.

Irrigation wells are provided free of cost to poor, small and marginal farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labour under Million Wells Scheme which is a sub scheme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana. The Million Wells Scheme is implemented in all States except Punjab.

(b) The amount spent and wells constructed under Million Wells Scheme in Madhya Pradesh during Seventh Plan are Rs. 1739.74 and 13,357 respectively.

Convention of Public Sector Officers' Association

8346. SHRI B.N. REDDYS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first-ever convention of public Sector Officers' Associations representatives was held on March 9-10, at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to the resolutions passed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The National Convention of public Sector Offices which met on 9th and 10th March 1992 have inter alia suggested alternative policy initiatives such as optimal utilisation of already built up manufacturing and technological capability, import substitution, being given priority over export